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and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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Newsline report number 923 for release on Friday, April 21 1995  
to follow.

The following is a QST

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The FCC again says no to restructuring ham radio, a big tower victory in New York, and Newsline is headed to Hamvention '95. Join with us on Newsline report number 923 coming your way right now!

(\*\*\*\*\* FCC WON'T RECONSIDER

The FCC has denied a petition for reconsideration to change the structure of amateur radio licensing in the United States. Rolf Jesperson, N3LA, had petitioned the FCC to establish three classes of amateur operator license, a petition designated as RM-8391 that the commission denied back in April of 1994.

So Jespersen the Commission for reconsider its decision. He claimed that supporters of his position did not know when to file supporting comments. He said that telegraphy ability and not necessarily telegraphy proficiency should be the criterion for the class of operator license obtained. He also claimed that his suggested new rules would promote growth in the amateur radio community and reduce delays in obtaining new and upgraded licenses.

But the FCC said that Jespersen's original petition had been denied because there was insufficient evidence to justify revisiting the issues he raised and that no comments had been filed on his petition. The FCC added that it has revisited the question of the structure of the Amateur Radio service on several occasions, the latest being in 1990 when the codeless Technician class license was established. The agency says that at that time the Amateur Radio community has once again confirmed its preference of preserving the code as an integral examination requirement to for the remaining operator license classes, adding its feeling that the Amateur Radio community in the United States sees the current telegraphy speed requirements as necessary and appropriate.

While the N3LA petition has been denied, it does not mean that the fight by proponents of codefree licensing is over. Several other petitions are known to be in the works that the FCC will

soon be forced to deal with. And No-Code advocate are also busy politicking the delegates to the World Radiocommunications Conference to be held later this year. Those who are against the code are trying to get the need for Morse testing abolished, world-wide.

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#### NZ GOES NO CODE AT WARC

New Zealand has announced that it will seek and end to mandatory Morse code testing at this years World Radiocommunications Conference. Specifically, the New Zealand government has directed its delegation to actively seek to overturn world radio regulation RR-2735 that requires an applicant show proficiency in the Morse code before being granted a license to operate on amateur radio bands below 30 MHz. New Zealand says that its telecommunications authority believes that other world radio regulations contain what they call the minimum required Amateur Radio operator qualification guidelines for licensing hams. More importantly says New Zealand, repealing RR-2735 has the added advantage of permitting each country to establish its own criteria for ham radio licensing.

The decision by the New Zealand government to sponsor world-wide no-code licensing is a major victory for the political efforts of Oracle, the Organization Seeking Alternatives Through Code Less Examinations.

About a year ago Oracle began lobbying the New Zealand government to take a leadership role in abolishing Morse code testing. Few people gave Oracle any chance of success. Ham radio political leaders in New Zealand and around the world discounted Oracle as being a minor league player trying to gain a political foothold in the ham radio major leagues.

Now Oracle is a major force in the fight to abolish mandatory code testing. And as the result of Oracles success in its own country, other administrations are asking themselves if the time has come to bury the Morse code as a requirement for any class of ham radio license, worldwide. More on this breaking story in future Newsline reports.

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#### LONG ISLAND TOWER VICTORY

Mark Nadel, NK2T is a winner. So are many hams throughout New York state as a result of Nadel's precedent setting victory that allows him to keep his tower and antenna. It's an important win for Amateur Radio as we hear in this report:

"It's a great relief after going through all this non-sense.

It's just kind of like a new beginning." Mark Nadel, NK2T

That's the voice of Mark Nadel, NK2T. Nadel is the Long Island New York ham who has been involved in a court battle with the town of Hempstead over his tower and antenna. And on April 12th he learned that he had finally won the right to keep his ham antenna system. Nadel tells Newsline that its been a long fight but the only reason he won was because of something known as PRB One:

"The decision itself is strictly a PRB One decision. The town itself had protested the fact that PRB One was in place. They felt it was unreasonable, however they had no choice but abide by it." NK2T

The wording in the Nadel decision is such that it codifies into New York State law the recognition of PRB One. Nadel is quick to add that his PRB One success with Hempstead will help other New York hams facing similar problems:

"I believe this really gives, the town of Hempstead is township and i'm sure a lot of other municipalities are going to look at this." NK2T

Nadel was supported by an organization called RADIO. It was put together by Frank Falon, N2FF. RADIO raised most of the funds to fight the Nadel case. NK2T says that now RADIO will turn its attention to helping others:

"There are some other situations that have come about on the, further out on the eastern end of the island. The other thing that has come out of this case is that RADIO is now going to get involved is with the possibility of some new legislation within the town. The town has shown the desire to sit down with the people from the RADIO group and work on a new ordinance." NK2T

Nadel says that he thanks the entire ham radio community for its support the past two and a half years. A special thanks he says goes to Frank Falon, N2FF, who stood by NK2T, all the way.

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Meanwhile, the ARRL says that it is looking at the feasibility of various approaches to reducing the effect of restrictive covenants restricting amateur radio antenna systems. It now appears that neither judicial or legislative remedies look promising at this time.

The League says that its study into CC&R's will continue in

accordance with the directives of the 1995 Annual Board of Directors Meeting. In the meantime, the ARRL says that it is important to educate all radio amateurs on covenant issues so that they will not unknowingly enter into agreements under which their operating may be restricted.

The League's General Counsel and staff have been instructed to develop a guidebook dealing with restrictive covenant issues as they relate to Amateur Radio.

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#### NEW CORDLESS PHONE FREQUENCIES

The Federal Communications Commission has voted to provide more frequencies for cordless telephones to deal with congestion on crowded channels. Fifteen new channels are being created. This to more than double the number of frequencies currently available for cordless phones.

The new channels are located in the 46 and 49 MHz bands adjacent to the channels now being used. This permits continued use of existing cordless telephone technology. This means that the new cordless phones will be able to make use of both the old and new channels.

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#### US GRANT TO UKRAINIAN HAMS

From overseas, word that Ukrainian hams are the beneficiaries of a \$24,987 dollar grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development. The grant made through the Eurasia Foundation, was obtained made by a proposal made by the Foundation for Amateur International Radio Service, a nonprofit public foundation founded in May 1991. FAIRS has charter groups in Ukraine, Guyana, Bangladesh, and Russia. The grant proposal was written by Executive Director David Larsen, KK4WW, and European Director Victor Goncharsky, UA5WE.

The gift monies will be used to fund the procurement electronics hardware to extend APLINK coverage to Kiev from the Western Ukraine, with nodes also going to Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Poland. An Internet gateway also is planned, as well as an additional APLINK station and an FM repeater in western Ukraine.

Delivery of the equipment is expected by early summer, and will include hardware for seven digipeater nodes, including terminal node controllers, radios, and antennas. About 35 Ukrainian amateurs have packet capability in the current APLINK system.

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#### IRTS NEWS SERVICE

A new on-the-air ham radio news service has taken to the airwaves in Ireland. The broadcasting of Irish Radio Transmitting Society News in the Gaelic language began about a month ago. The IRTS newscast airs Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm on 3.975 MHz. The bulletin also features a call-in segment after the news. Anchor for these newscasts is EI6GS.

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#### WRTC DELAY

The second World Radiosport Team Championship has been delayed. WRTC-95, planned for July 1995, has been rescheduled for July 1996. Organizers of the Washington, DC event said that WRTC-96 will be held the second weekend of July 1996, in conjunction with the IARU HF World Championship. The WRTC committee said that the major reason for the postponement was to give financial sponsors more time to publicize their participation well in advance of the event. The committee also has decided to change from 50 two-person teams to 30. The time frame for qualifying contest scores for applicants will be expanded from five to six years, to include results published from 1990 to 1995.

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#### DX

In DX, reports have surfaced that Egyptian station SU3AM is very active in on 20 meters SSB. QSL via DL5ZBV.

Also, TJ1JB, as 5X1B has been operating CW around 14.027 MHz between 19:30 and 23:30 UTC. He is working for the American embassy in Cameroon. QSL via KE9A.

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#### Mc GAN AWARD

The ARRL says that there is still time to nominate someone for the fourth annual Philip J. McGan Memorial Silver Antenna Award, for volunteer public relations activities on behalf of Amateur Radio. The award is sponsored jointly by the New Hampshire Amateur Radio Association and the ARRL. Deadline for nominations is May 31st. Call ARRL's Public Relations Department for an official nomination form at (203) 666-1541.

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#### DAYTON '95

As this newscast goes to air, the Newsline production team is getting ready to hop a 767 jet for the city of Dayton, Ohio and

Hamvention '95. Making the trek this year are producer Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, legal affairs editor Joe Merdler, N6AHU and anchormen Burt Hicks, WB6MQV, and Jim Davis, KU8R.

If you plan on attending this years Hamvention, be advised that Newsline is again hosting the Media Forum on Saturday, April 29th at 3 pm in conference room number 2. Newsline will also be taking part in the Friday afternoon Educators Forum from 1 to 3 pm and in the Bulletin Services Forum on Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Joe Merdler, N6AHU, will be holding forth on the Hamvention Legal Forum hosted by attorney Jim O'Connell, W9WU.

Look for the Newsline staff at these forums as well as at the Worldradio and Bonneville Music booths on the convention floor. At Bonneville you can also get to meet Andrew-John and Lissa Huddleston who are the voices behind the songs on the new "Seek You" ham radio country and western CD. See you all at Hamvention '95!

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And for this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at

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